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TOPIC Doeberitz Airfield

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1. At about 2:30 p.m. on 16 February 1953, no air activity was observed at Doeberitz airfield. ¹
2. At about 10 a.m. on 12 February, ammunition boxes, each about 140 cm long and 50 to 60 cm in diameter, were being unloaded from two cars at Dallgow railroad station. There, the ammunition boxes were put on trucks and hauled to the ammunition dump at the field, just south of Heerstrasse.
3. On 6 March, source determined that audit officer Lieutenant Atamanov (fmu) had turned over his duties to his successor, Captain Jakushev (fmu), as his transfer was expected in the near future. Source further determined that Lieutenant Colonel Prokhodtsen (fmu) was the chief of the workshops at the field. By agreement of Lieutenant Atamanov and Captain Jakushev, all the bills are to be audited by Lieutenant Colonel Prokhodtsen in the future. Civil Engineer Bogdanov (fmu) was responsible for all heating and electric installations at the field. By order of Lieutenant Atamanov, Bogdanov had to escort all non-military personnel working on heating and electric installations at the field. Soviet soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were quartered in the former NSKK Kaserne in the southeastern section of the field. Their bills had also been audited by Lieutenant Atamanov. ²
4. At about noon on 10 March, soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets loaded three boxes, each about 3 meters long, 1.1 meter wide and 1.5 meter high, on three trucks in the air force depot in the former artillery equipment park in Doeberitz. One handoperated crane and a mobile crane on a caterpillar tractor were used. A lieutenant colonel whose name could not be determined functioned as audit officer. ³
5. On 19 March, 53 IL-10s and 6 tank trucks were counted at the field. ¹
6. Between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on 3 March, source observed from Highway No 130 that the entrances I and II to the Richthofen Kaserne was closed. The wives of Soviet officers were observed in the buildings Nos 6, 8 and 10. Activity was observed through the open windows of building No 19.

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7. On 3 and 10 March, source made the following observations in the area of the NSKK Kaserne from Highway No 103:
 Building 78 was lighted even at daytime.
 Building 79 was apparently vacant.
 Building 80, formerly housing the kitchen of Unit Darkov, apparently was not used; equipment was piled up.
 Building 81 was vacant and had no curtains.
 Building 82 was not utilized.
 Buildings 86c and 86d were occupied by EM, probably technical personnel.
8. The following observations were made in the barracks installation north of Highway No 103:
 Building 54: no officers were observed there.
 " 54a: appeared to be occupied, probably by Kazavitzki.
 " 56: vacant, no curtains on the windows.
 " 57: occupied, probably by Soviet women.
 " 58: vacant, formerly utilized for cultural purposes.
 " 59: partially occupied. Paymasters, office personnel of Lieutenant Atamanov and various officers were observed.
 " 60: utilized as kitchen. On 10 March, only a few soldiers went to this building to have their breakfast there, while, previously, intensive traffic was observed on the way to the building.
 " 61: occupied.
9. In the evening of 3 March, source observed that the following buildings were lighted: ground floor of building 18, 2 windows of building 19, some sections of buildings 20, 28, 29 and 30, 1 window of building 78, some sections of buildings 86c and 86d, 54a, 57 and 59, and buildings 60 and 61. Not lighted were the buildings 54, 55, 56, 58, 79, 80, 81 and 82. Source could not observe the buildings 21, 22, 25, 27, 30, 31, 33, 43 and 45.
10. At 8:45 a.m. on 10 March, 150 men wearing coats and field caps, without weapons, were lined up at Herold Platz. After a 5-minute speech by an officer, the soldiers marched singing around the field and, subsequently, were dismissed and entered buildings 102, 105 and 106. The entrances to the buildings 103 and 104 could not be observed. The sentry at the entrance on Gartenstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.
11. At 1:45 p.m. on 10 March, there was intensive traffic between the buildings 70 and 71 by officers who wore no headgear and carried documents. Within half an hour, 15 or 16 officers were observed. Formerly, all German workers at the field had to be escorted by Soviet officers when entering these buildings. ⁴
12. Source learned the following information from a worker employed at the field:
 Lieutenant Colonel Kazavitzki (fmu) has allegedly been treated in the hospital in Potsdam since mid-January 1953. His duties were taken over by Captain Marose (fmu). The buildings of Unit Kardov were still vacant in early March. They were allegedly damaged by frost. On 9 February, a so-called advance detail of about 500 soldiers arrived in the billeting area of Doeberitz. The soldiers were quartered in building No 58. Together with the advance detail billeting equipment arrived by rail. The detail again left by rail on 23 February. After its departure, it was rumored that the Falkensee restricted area should be released and that the headquarters should be quartered in the vacant buildings of the barracks installations in Doeberitz. Informant further stated that Unit Kazavitzki

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left for an exercise on 24 February. For this exercise, the general's car had been overhauled. As this car did not return up to early March source inferred that the general from Falkensee also participated in the exercise. Lieutenant Atamanov who was allegedly transferred to the air army in Werder turned over his duties to a captain whose name was not known.⁵

13. On 3 March, the airfield seemed to be deserted. At 2:15 p.m., two IL-10s were observed on the northern edge of the field, while the hangars in the southern section were closed. On 6 March, two IL-10s were parked on the northern edge of the field. At 9:15 a.m. on 10 March, 12 IL-10s were being towed out of the westernmost hangar and parked next to the 3 IL-10s in front of the hangar. No aircraft were observed on the northern edge of the field. The 12 IL-10s were refueled by two tank trucks which were refilled once at the fuel dump. Two trucks with containers, which bore no resemblance to the tank trucks, moved up to the aircraft. Previously, vehicles of the same type were observed hauling hot water near building 60. The first engines were run up at 10:05 a.m. and, at 10:15 a.m., the planes taxied aft of each other to the southeastern corner of the field. At 10:25 a.m., the 15 planes took off at intervals of 600 to 800 meters. After the take-off, the planes assembled in formations of three and remained aloft for about 20 minutes. After the landing, the aircraft taxied back to the hangar where they were refueled. After about 15 minutes, 12 planes taxied back to the take-off point and took off in flights of three. Subsequently, formation flying was practiced. One of the three planes which were not involved in formation flying took off and towed a sleeve target. It circled over the field at an altitude of about 500 meters, while aiming was practiced with the AA guns located on the northwestern and southwestern edges of the field. There were six 37-mm AA guns in each of the two AA gun emplacements. The operational crews of the AA guns on the southwestern and northwestern edges consisted of 1 officer and 9 EM and 1 officer and 12 EM respectively. After a 30-minute flight, the plane released the sleeve target and subsequently landed at the field. Between 9 a.m. and noon on 13 March, no air activity was observed. Fifteen canvas-covered IL-10s were parked in front of the westernmost hangar. No planes were observed on the northern edge of the field. No air activity was observed in the afternoon.¹

25X1A 1. [] Comment. According to available information, Doeberitz airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment which is equipped with about 55 IL-10s. A portion of the planes is usually parked in the hangars on the southern edge of the field while the other planes are parked in front of the hangars.

25X1A 2. [] Comment. Lieutenant Atamanov is known to be the supply officer of the ground battalion of the ground attack regiment. Noteworthy is the information that Lieutenant Colonel Prokhodtsev is allegedly the chief of the workshops at the field. The reported observations indicate that the unit in the workshops at the field is independent. This confirms to a certain extent a previous information by another source according to which a repair shop for jet engines is located at the field.

25X1A 3. [] Comment. It is fairly definitely believed that the crates contained engines.

25X1A 4. [] Comment. The reported numbers of the houses are keyed to a sketch of the barracks area which was previously forwarded. See Annex to
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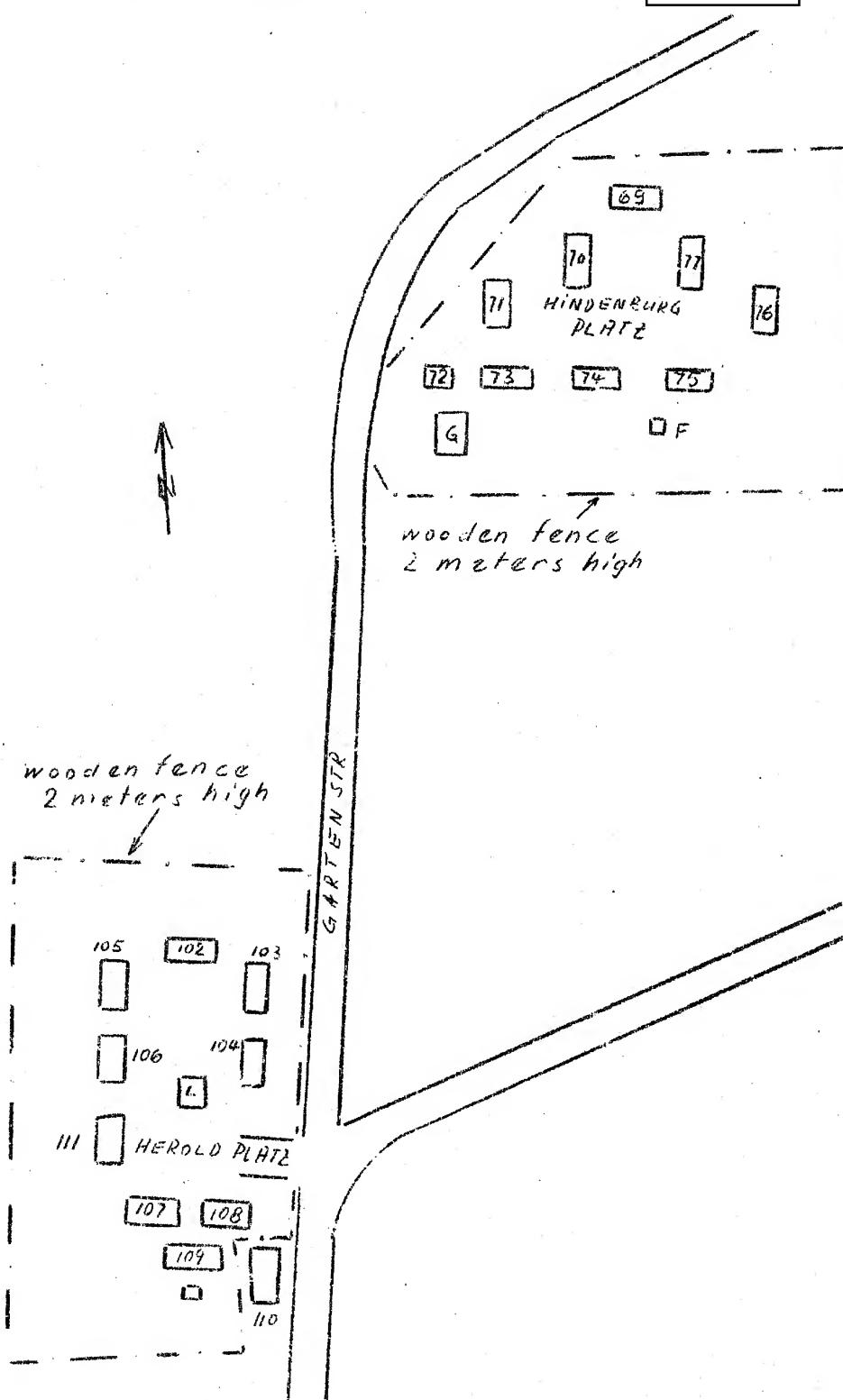
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25X1A 5. [redacted] Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Kazavitzki is the commanding officer of the ground battalion, Unit [redacted] which supplies the ground attack regiment at the field. Unit Kardov is the ground battalion which, together with a ground attack regiment, was transferred to Alt Leennewitz in late December 1952. The Falkensee restricted area is occupied by a ground attack corps headquarters. It is possible that the restricted area is to be released and that the headquarters is to move into the barracks installations at Doeberitz airfield.
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Barracks Installations in Doeberitz

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Barracks Installations in Doeberitz

Legend:

- 69 Kitchen
- 70, 71 Headquarters buildings
- 72 Billeting building for guard detail; guardhouse at the side
- 73 Officers billets; occupied by consumers' association prior to 15 November 1952
- 74, 75 Billeting buildings for EM
- 76, 77 Officers billets
- 102 through 106 Billeting buildings for EM
- 107, 108 Buildings occupied by air force officers dependents, according to source's assumption
- 109 Probably headquarters building for AA unit
- 110 Workshops of tailor, shoemaker, photographer
- 111 Storage building
- G Garage
- F Radio truck
- L Fire pond

The numbers of the buildings correspond with the numbers on sketch attached to [redacted]

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